Mrs. Coan Tells of the Hindoo Woman.

MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD

Letters From Various Persons Interested in Board Work.

THE Woman's Board of Missions held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at 2:30 in the parlors of Central Union Church with an attendance of about forty members. One of the features of the meeting was the reading of an article on Pandita Ramabai, the Hindoo woman who has done so much for her countrywomen in

The meeting was opened by a reading of Scripture by Miss Chamberlain, who presided. She spoke feelingly of the capture and detention of Miss Stone by Bulgarian brigands and she expressed an earnest hope that by the destiny of events the true light of the Christian in California of Mrs. Adie, formerly of sent terror to the heart of the little mad-

ter from Mrs. C. M. Hyde, who is now ed a palace where he had heard the fair returning to Honolulu with her daugh- mistress reciting Sanscrit poems. His ter, after an extended tour of Europe. ing in a woman grew into a determina-She hopes to be back in Honolulu some- tion to teach his wife as the Royal

A letter from Mrs, Agnes Judd and trary to the customs of India led him to program of the proceedings of the Hart- her as he chose. In after years she in (Mass.) meeting, where Hawaii was drew many pilgrims and students to the represented by Miss Nellie Judd.

The treasurer's report showed receipts

balance on hand to \$147.35. building was about ready for occupancy years of age she had committed to mem- in the face. He saw gallant Captain years in the Orient. She had made life her misery by suicide, and only the fear when she wrote in October. They were ory eighteen thousand verses from the Ward throw up his hands, fall heavily very merry for us during the voyage her purpose. As Poona was a healthier

Miss Laura Green reported on her curse. ing the month and was becoming espe- to die together.

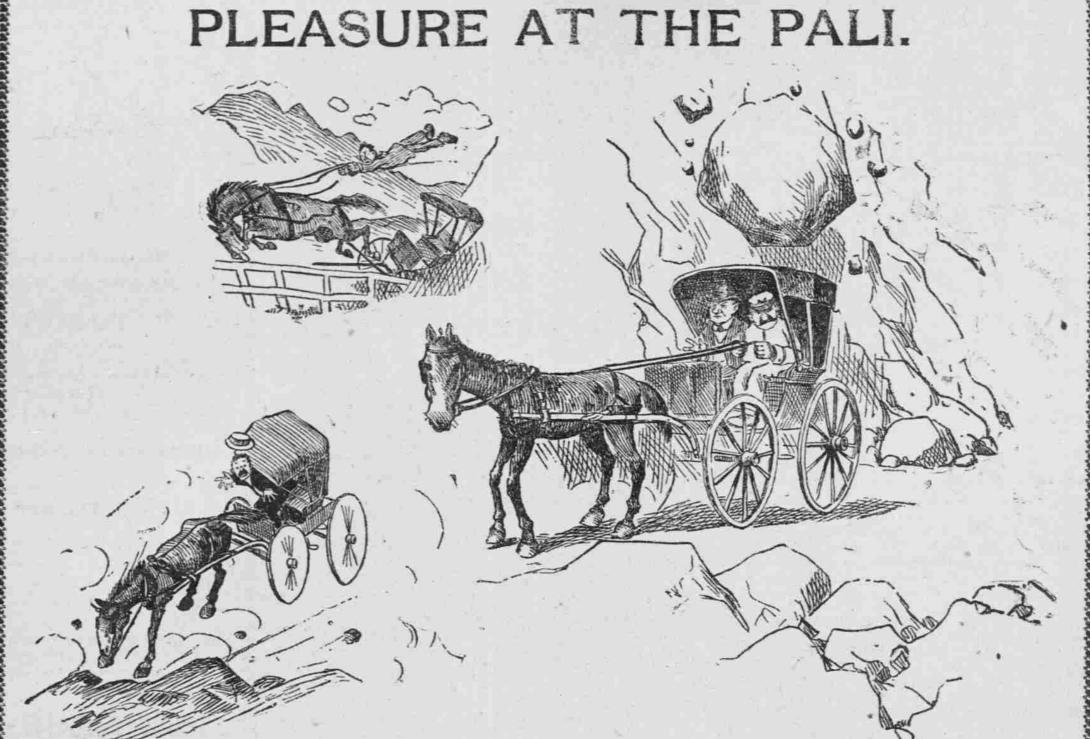
told of. It was stated that the Home starvation, Ramabai and her brother for Japanese Women was completed continued their wanderings. Often they off my Tuxedo and trousers and threw possible to concentrate it on anything and there were several inmates. The they got a little sustenance "by eating fallen asleep when I was awakened by Instinctively I worked myself towards to service and were without homes.

at the next meeting to send to this vote her life to the redemption of her English government that they should Hindu Woman." Journeying hither and wonderful little woman spoken of:

PANDITA RAMABAI AND HER MISSION.

I'ar away in the jungle of the Western Ghants of India, at the source of one of her great rivers, there stood, some fifty years ago, a rude dwelling which the learned Ananta Shastri had built as a home for himself and his nine-year-old





ing beasts, whose howls at night often am. But Ananta had sought seclusion with a noble purpose. In earlier years he had sometimes with his teacher visitwonder at and admiration of such learnsition by his parents to a scheme so conmother were many, so many that her

large expenditures, which cut down the youngest, was while the morning dawn- Seymour went down. ed. Ramabal carries with her the mem-A letter was read from Mrs. Anna B. ory of the mother's kiss and loving Foster from Agana, Guam, where she words by which she roused her, and of Gate he went through all the mental ed one of the most heart rending scenes Bombay, over whose portal she placed and her husband and children went Hindu classics, while waking birds twitfrom here as missionaries. A church tered their morning songs. "At twelve soul and body when death stares him to her home in the States after two times had one of them attempted to end

Lyons, formerly of Oahu College, wrote he thinks, from offended gods; they must a descriptive letter of her work among be propitiated; so they wander to sacred Polish people in the east, and of the places and temples, they bathe in sacred conversion of Jews to the Christian rivers and tanks, and prostrate themselves before stone and metal images,

of her visits to the houses of people of they have eaten their last grain of rice, ton. He saw young American girls who the darkest depths of despair. The where they have been treated as outcasts many creeds, and was pleased to have nothing but death by starvation is before been received by all in a kindly spirit. them. The disgrace of it is more than She had made seventy-one calls dur- they can bear, and they go to the forest

cially interested in slum work in Ka- When the father died, as there was no kaako. She had found numerous fami- the body in his dhoti and carried it alone lies there from Maui, where she had over two miles to the place of burial. formerly resided, but was grieved to see When the mother died Ramabai and her Here is his own story as he related it drift wood and drifting rapidly out to ant apparel and clad in one garment that many of them have slipped into in- brother bore the remains three miles to difference as to their falth or had done the burning ghat. Ramabai, being low of stature, bearing the burden on her head. The Japanese work in the city was When the elder sister had also died of

women are generally those who go out a handful of wild berries, swallowing the a violent lurch and a grating sound as a raft on which several Chinese had as-It was also reported that the wife of skin." They walked barefoot in the hot side of a dock. I knew this was not them; then I burst into tears. I was the Japanese man who strangled his sun, without umbrellas; in the chilly little child several months ago, was in nights they lay down on the road side, the Japanese hospital, her nervous sys- covering themselves with sand, or under tem wrecked by the occurrence. It was the arches of bridges. Thus they trav- 25,000,000 of them, most of whom are of nearly three years. "Wondrous possi-Mrs. Coan then read the following ad- gall. She was also observing the home unfortunate sisters," helpless victims of have women teachers for girls' schools thither, from one state to another, she the baseness and cruelty of iron-bound and that provision should be made for sought the attention and enlisted the custom and of heartless man.

At Calcutta honor and happiness awaithad heard of her learning and of her enlightened views, and calling her before people." But she had seemed to hear who heard her story. I cannot better them, after an examination, publicly the same voice that bade one of old to tell her final success than by quoting the gave her "the distinguished title of Sarasvati," goddess of wisdom. Later she ed the sea to England. A Church of At an overflowing meeting held in was happily married to a graduate of England Sisterhood gave her we come, Boston in May, 1887, when the audience the Calcutta University. Bipin Medhavi, and remaining with them a year, she ac- was moved to tears and languter by her To them there was born a daughter so quired the English language, and so pathos and keen wit, a provisional comlesired and welcome they called her learned of Christ that she confessed her- mittee of women was I rued to consider Manorama (Heart's Joy). Blessed pro- self His follower, and with her little Ramabal's plans, to act with her and vision for her comforting was the little daughter, received baptism. We cannot report later, one. Within a few months after her linger over this period of her life, when The report was accepted, officers were birth cholera snatched the husband from for a time she was a student, and then elected, the constitution was adopted the loving wife, and previously death professor of Sanscrit in the Cheltenham "and Ramabal saw her long therished had removed the faithful brother. Be- Ladies' College, but will with her cross plans take definite form. That night her best medicine to do this is Hostetter's hold her now an orphan, without brother the ser, and land upon American shores, Joy was too great for sleep; when found Stomach Bitters. Try it for INDIGES-or sister, and written a widow, not at all a second "great step" in the way this subbing in her room, she exclaimed: 'I TION, DYSPEPSIA, CONSTIPATION. knowing the way in which the Heavenly rare woman is treading. What she saw am crying for joy that my dream of LIVER AND KIDNEY TROUBLES. Father, as yet a stranger to her, was of the work of the public schools, and of years has become a reality.' The presi- OR MALARIA. Our PRIVATE DIE leading her.

she had often lectured on the desirable- inspection of the Philadelphia kindergar- nations; the board of trustees, compared ness of education for women, maintain- tens kindled her enthusiasm to the point of some of the best known business and ing that the Shastras. India's sacred of enrolling herself among the pupils of professional men of Boston, was equally

books, enjoined their instruction. Do you know that every fifth woman few weeks Ramabai had purposed spend- mittee, formed entirely of women."

TOLD IN MANILA CLUBS BY AN OFFICER OF THE COPTIC

Peshwa's wife had been taught. Oppo- Critic he sees a very pleasant, courteous a life-preserver, I rushed onto the deck. auxiliary not the Teast contributor of the gentleman; but there is nothing about The lights were still burning. Sey- seventy-seven societies that have stood A letter from Mrs. Agnes Judd and trary to the customs of India led him to state on the found in the fine of the found in the state of the door, look up to ing than the reports of the annual meetbelieve that he has undergone one of the deck, and begin dressing. The last ings held in Boston. These contain the ford convention of the Woman's Board turn became the teacher of their chil- the severest trials that it is possible I saw of him he was putting on his addresses of the presiding officer, the rewas enclosed, also one of the Pittsfield dren. The renown of Ananta as a man for a human being to undergo. Never- recktle. Presently the captain and the ports of the executive committee, deof profound learning and holy living theless this is perfectly true for Harper with the information that the ship was from some of her rescued girls. Let me humble forest home. For these "open is one of the fortunate eight who were on the rocks, and it would be neces- glean from them a few facts that may house" was kept, and the cares of the rescued from among the passengers of sary to take to the boats. Then the help us to realize what has been undermother were many so many that her for November amounting to \$39.50, and only time for instructing Ramabai, the the ill fated "Rio" on which poor Harry ladies began to appear on deck, some in taken and what attained by a heroine of their night clothes others partially whom Professor Max Muller said he

repeating after her again and again the agony that seems to rend man's heart, it is possible to conceive of. I remem-Hindu classics, while waking birds twit-The keeping of open house for many against the mizzen mast, and cry and was exceedingly popular. She used city than Bombay, and living was cheapmrs. G. M. Whitney also read a letwears at last brought the family into hoarsely "For God's sake save the wohome-life and would sit and talk for and established in a commodious bunga-Mrs. G. M. Whitney also read a let-ter from Mrs. Hyde in which she told the terrible famine that swent over the men." He saw Harry Seymour arrang- hours of the pleasure it would give her low. of her travels and the days and weeks Madras presidency. In his old age, blind ing his necktie three minutes previous to touch ar American shore again. I A lover of the beautiful in nature, Rashe and her daughter had spent in Lon- and infirm, the learned Annta starts to the fatal plunge that carried the can see her now, standing there by the mabai has sought to make this retreat don, Paris, Munich, Berlin, Dresden and out with wife and children, the youngest "Rio" and her passengers to an un-railing, her hands clasped together and most charming in its surroundings. Shadthen only nine years old, to go on a pil- known grave. He saw sailors, their lips, her face raised to the sky. As I watch- ling trees, fragrant flowers, brilliant Mrs. Edith Lyons, wife of Prof. grimage. Adversity has come to him, firmly set, working at the boats when ed her she gradually sank on her knees beauty for the uplifting of the "suffering of t striving to free themselves from sin and ing to save his wife, children and the mental torture; then the water came pils are free to come and go. The Sadan work among the Hawaiians. She told At last all their resources have gone, livered to the authorities at Washing-vived for a second, only to die away into had remained up during the night to period of physical suffering was brief, where no love has been bestowed upon catch the first glimpse of God's country in fact I hardly noticed it at all them, and no comforts provided for catch the first glimpse of God's country in fact I hardly noticed it at all. them, and no comforts provided to offering up the last prayers-and all Something struck me heavily on the last things where love rules." this while he felt the gentle swaying of hip and then consciousness left me and we, too, may "see the contrast," let us one else to carry the dead, the son tied the vessel as she settled nearer and I knew no more until I recovered suf- glance at scenes through which they had nearer to her grave, and worse than all ficiently to find myself on the surface passed before coming to the Sharada knew that he could not swim a stroke. with my arms thrown about a piece of Sadan. They have been stripped of pleasat the Press Club the other night.

smoking room and when I reached my clothing was merely a bundle of rags. room I was so tired that I merely took My mind wandered so that it was imwere without food for days. Sometimes myself in the upper berth. I had barely except the memory of the horrible past, hard stones, together with their coarse if the ship had brushed up against the sembled. They pulled me up among possible, and surmising danger, I saved."-Manila Times.

the study of medicine by women.

When one looks at Mr. Harper of the sprang from my berth and throwing on ten years we find our own little Honolulu first and second officers came along lightful letters from Ramabal and letters their night clothes, others partially knew none greater. dressed. Gradually the awful truth On that eventful night off the Golden dawned upon them and then I witness- very soon opened a Widow's Home in they knew that their task was hopeless, and then the lights went out and a sisters." As she shows her visitors about He saw mothers showering kisses on moment later-it seemed a year-the the home she says: "This is not an intheir babies for the last time. He saw ship plunger bow foremost. For a sec- stitution in which all the best rooms are Consul General Wildman vainly striv- ond I went through the most terrific reserved for the teaching staff. My putin box containing papers to be de- rushing in. I struggled, and hope re- with all its privileges has been instituted

sea. One of my legs was broken; my "We had been playing poker in the face was smashed into a jelly, and my

tem wrecked by the occurrence. It was feared for a while that she would lose her mind, but that critical stage has And in all her wanderings she was achieved by the occurrence. It was elled to the northern boundary of India, down-trodden and ostracized? Over bilities" of what she might yet be able to do for India's little widows rose in her mind, but that critical stage has And in all her wanderings she was achieved by the occurrence. It was elled to the northern boundary of India, down-trodden and ostracized? Over bilities" of what she might yet be able to do for India's little widows rose in vision before her, and most earnestly she passed. She is being cared for by Mr. quiring knowledge and became learned in pity, and with longing to aid and uplift, set herself to the task of attaining the Marathi, Kanarise, Hindustani and Ben- She would reconsecrate her life to serv- possible. She wrote of her knowledge ice in their behalf. We find her, then, about the terrible customs and systems dress, which was listened to with rapt life of high-caste Hindus, and there grew travelling from city to city, lecturing, of child marriage and child widows, and attention, as a collection is to be raised in her breast the noble resolve, "to de- writing and translating, urging upon the published the book, "The High-Caste

sympathy of public audiences, or draw-"It is such a great step," she writes, ing room circles. Always earnest, always ed our heroine. The Pandits of the city "for a Hindu woman to cross the sea; sincere and humble, she aroused enthuone cuts oneself always off from one's slasm and secured the confidence of those

leave his father's country, and she cross- words of another.

woman's share in the education of boys dent and vice presidents of the associa-During the later years of pligrimage and girls, impressed her greatly, while tion comprised members of five denomithe kindergarten training school. The unsectarian, as was the executive comin India is a widow, and that there are ing in the States passed on into a period | Various "Ramabai Circles" and Clus-

re had started in the trash

ters were gathered here and there as auxiliaries to the association, the memhers whereof pledged an annual payment of one dollar for a period of ten years. So general was the interest in this enterprise that we find these branches States, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Santa Barbara, California. And in the report of total contributions for the first

When Ramabal returned to India she

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